

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	3110-000039
First Inventor	Donald G. Wheatley
Title	COVERING STRUCTURE HAVING AUTOMATIC COUPLING SYSTEM
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification [Total Pages 23]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention ☒ Specification filed in English
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 12]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets]
 - ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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- ☐ Other: _____

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